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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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SUBJ: MAJOR JALLUD'S EAST EUROPEAN TRIP

1. QADHAFI'S PRINCIPAL DEPUTY MAJOR JALLUD RETURNED MAY 22 FROM TEN-DAY TRIP TO BELGRADE, SOFIA AND PRAGUE. HE VISITED ROME (TWICE) DURING COURSE OF TRAVELS. LIKELY PURPOSE OF VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE WAS TO SEEK INCREASED SUPPLY OF SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABOR FROM THESE COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS FOR DEPARTING EGYPTIANS. JALLUD ACCOMPANIED BY LIBYAN SECRETARIES OF INDUSTRY, PLANNING AND TREASURY. IN ADDITION, TRIP SERVED TO REPAY NUMEROUS VISITS BY VARIOUS LEADERS OF THESE COUNTRIES TO TRIPOLI DURING PAST SIX MONTHS. ROME VISIT INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF LIBYAN-TUNISIAN OFFSHORE OIL DISPUTE AS WELL AS INCREASED ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO LIBYA'S MANPOWER NEEDS. ALSO, ACCORDING TO ITALIAN

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EMBASSY HERE, VISIT OF PRIMIN ANDREOTTI DISCUSSED BUT EMBASSY UNCERTAIN STATUS OF TRIP.

2. HIGHLIGHT OF TRIP TO BELGRADE, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, WAS DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD ON PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED ALUMINUM PLANT NEAR TUNISIAN BORDER WHICH IS MASSIVE PROJECT COST OF WHICH MIGHT

REACH ONE BILLION DOLLARS. AMBASSADOR ALSO CLAIMED PLANNED JOINT LIBYAN-YUGOSLAV OIL REFINERY IN YUGOSLAVIA WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AND AN AGREEMENT REACHED TO ACCELERATE THIS PROJECT. PRAGUE VISIT NOTABLE CHIEFLY FOR JALLUD'S RHETORIC EMPHASIZING CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBYA AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. LOCAL PRESS QUOTES JALLUD AS SAYING LIBYA AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE IN "STRATEGIC COHESION." REPORTS OF STOPOVER SOFIA SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF MORE BULGARIAN PARTICIPATION IN LIBYAN DEVELOPMENT.

3. MOST OBSERVERS IN TRIPOLI BELIEVE JALLUD UNSUCCESSFUL SECURING AGREEMENT FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF LABOR EXPORT TO LIBYA FROM COUNTRIES VISITED. JALLUD'S STATEMENT ON CLOSENESS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBYA AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WHILE REPETITION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, DOES EMPHASIZE CONTINUING LIBYAN MOVEMENT TO USE PRESS OCCASIONS TO PUSH LIBYA'S CASE AGAINST EGYPT AND SUDAN WHICH, ACCORDING YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HERE, PROVED PARTICULARLY EMBARRASSING TO YUGOSLAV HOSTS.

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